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Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The right to development

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.49

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Introduction

1. At its 54th meeting, on 28 November 2007, the Third Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.49 by a recorded vote of 121 to 52, with 1 abstention. A statement of programme budget implications was read to the Committee prior to the adoption of the draft resolution.

II. Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 6 and 39 of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.49, the General Assembly, would:

(a) Endorse the conclusions and recommendations adopted by consensus by the Working Group on the Right to Development of the Human Rights Council at its eighth session and call for their immediate, full and effective implementation by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and other relevant actors;

(b) Support the realization of the mandate of the Working Group on the Right to Development as renewed for a period of two years by the Human Rights

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Council in its resolution 4/4, with the recognition that the Working Group shall convene annual sessions of five working days and present its reports to the Council;

(c) Support the realization of the mandate of the high-level task force on the implementation of the right to development, established within the framework of the Working Group on the Right to Development, as renewed for a period of two years by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 4/4, with the further recognition that the task force will convene annual sessions of seven working days and present its reports to the Working Group on the Right to Development;

(d) Stress the importance of endorsement of the road map outlined in paragraphs 52 to 54 of the report of the Working Group on the Right to Development on its eighth session (A/HRC/4/47), which would ensure that the criteria for the periodic evaluation of global partnerships, as identified in Millennium Development Goal 8 prepared by the high-level task force and being progressively developed and refined by the Working Group, are extended to other components of Millennium Development Goal 8 by no later than 2009;

(e) Invite the Chairperson of the Working Group on the Right to Development to present a verbal update to the Assembly at its sixty-third session.

III. Relationship of the draft resolution to the biennial programme plan and the proposed programme of work and programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

3. The activities to be carried out relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; subprogramme 2, Supporting human rights bodies and organs, of programme 19, Human rights; and subprogramme 4, Support services, of programme 24, Management and support services, of the biennial programme plan for the period 2008-2009.[1] They also fall under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, section 23. Human rights, and section 28E, Administration, Geneva (A/62/6 (Sects. 2, 23 and Corr.1 and 28E and Corr.1 and 2)), of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

IV. Activities by which the requests would be carried out and additional requirements for the biennium 2008-2009

4. Should draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.49 be adopted by the General Assembly, the implementation of operative paragraphs 1 and 39 would give rise to additional requirements amounting to $47,000 under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 to provide for:

(a) Travel and daily subsistence allowance for two experts and one staff member to undertake two technical missions of five days each ($36,600);

(b) Travel of the Chairperson of the Working Group to present a verbal update to the Assembly ($10,400).

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/61/6/Rev.1).

5. Although provisions have not been included under section 23, it is proposed that the estimated additional requirements of $47,000 be accommodated within the resources proposed under that section for the biennium 2008-2009. No additional appropriations would thus be required as a result of the adoption of operative paragraphs 1 and 39.

6. With respect to operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution, in his report on revised estimates resulting from resolutions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its fourth session, in 2007 (A/61/530/Add.3), the Secretary-General informed the General Assembly that actions carried out under Human Rights Council resolution 4/4 would give rise to additional requirements of $74,300 in respect of the two working days of the high-level task force sessions each year, including daily subsistence allowance of the members and conference services to be provided, under sections 2, 23 and 28E of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 as follows:

	United States dollars
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management (conference-servicing costs)	63 300
Section 23, Human rights (daily subsistence allowance)	8 200
Section 28E, Administration, Geneva (conference-servicing costs)	2 800
Total	**74 300**

7. With regard to operative paragraphs 2 and 6, provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for their implementation.

V. Modifications required in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

8. The adoption of the draft resolution would not require modification of the output programmes under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, section 23, Human rights, and section 28E, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

VI. Potential for absorption

9. In paragraph 14 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/61/530/Add.3), the General Assembly was requested to note that the additional requirements of $74,300 would be subject to the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 41/213 and 42/211 on the contingency fund. In its resolution 61/273, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/61/917), wherein the Advisory Committee, in paragraph 8, recommended that the General Assembly take note of the fact that the implementation of Human Rights Council resolution 4/4 would give rise to additional requirements in the amount of $74,300 under section 2 ($63,300), section 23 ($8,200) and section 28E ($2,800) of the

proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, and that those requirements would be considered when the Assembly took up the proposed programme budget and the related contingency fund.

10. Subsequently, after having reviewed the provisions under sections 2, 23 and 28E, the additional requirements related to the implementation of decisions of the Human Rights Council (see A/62/125) and the statement of programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.84 on institution-building of the Human Rights Committee (A/C.5/62/12), the Secretariat wishes to inform the General Assembly that the total amount of $74,300 required under sections 2, 23 and 28E would be accommodated within the relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

VII. Conclusion

11. **The General Assembly may wish to note that the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.49 would not entail additional resources, as previously estimated under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, section 23, Human rights, and section 28E, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009; hence, there would be no need to resort to use of the contingency fund.**

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Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit

Global Forum on Migration and Development

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/62/L.25

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Request contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 1 (a) of draft resolution A/62/L.25, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to present, at the Second Meeting of the Global Forum on Migration and Development to be held in Manila in 2008, an evaluation of the existing cooperation mechanisms on migration and development, in order to promote a coherent discussion of the migration phenomenon.

II. Relationship of the request to the programme of work for the biennium 2008-2009

2. The request contained in operative paragraph 1 (a) of the draft resolution relates to: (a) subprogramme 6, Population, of programme 7, Economic and social affairs, of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the biennium 2008-2009;[1] and (b) subprogramme 6, Population, of section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/6 (Sect. 9)). The programme of work indicates that activities in the area of migration would be carried out by the Population Division in 2008-2009, and several outputs have been programmed in the area of international migration.

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/61/6/Rev.1).

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3. However, the Global Forum on Migration and Development is a new state-led initiative, which the General Assembly noted with interest in the last preambular paragraph of its resolution 61/208, although it did not provide an express mandate for United Nations support. Moreover, while subprogramme 6, Population, is entrusted with the analytical research on levels, trends, causes and consequences of international migration, it has not been mandated to evaluate cooperation mechanisms of any kind. Therefore, the task envisaged in operative paragraph 1 (a) of draft resolution A/62/L.25 falls outside the scope of the programme of work envisaged under subprogramme 6 of section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 and would need to be considered as a new and additional activity.

4. The adoption of the draft resolution would result in the following modification in the narrative of subprogramme 6, Population, of section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009:

Outputs

At the end of paragraph 9.66 (b) (ii), the following words would be added: "evaluation of the existing cooperation mechanisms on migration and development (1)".

III. Activities by which the request would be implemented and estimated resource requirements

5. It is estimated that an additional $70,000 in consultancy resources would be needed to carry out an evaluation of the existing mechanisms of cooperation on international migration and development. This amount would provide for: (a) specialized expertise, estimated on a basis of six work months at $10,000 a month to undertake the requested evaluation ($60,000); and (b) costs of related travel for consultations with relevant stakeholders ($10,000).

6. It is also estimated that an additional $40,000 would be required to cover the cost of translation and printing of the evaluation report ($35,000), as well as the shipping costs to Manila in order to present and disseminate the report at the Second Meeting of the Global Forum ($5,000).

7. Accordingly, the total estimated costs for carrying out an evaluation of the existing cooperation mechanisms on international migration and development, as requested in draft resolution A/62/L.25, would amount to $110,000 for the biennium 2008-2009.

IV. Potential for absorption

8. No provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 for the activities requested under operative paragraph 1 (a) of draft resolution A/62/L.25. At the current stage, it is not possible to identify activities within section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium. As the request in the draft resolution calls for a new activity, it is not possible to absorb the additional requirements of $110,000 in full

or in part by drawing on similar research and analysis work, for which resources have been included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

V. Action required of the General Assembly

9. **Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/62/L.25, which requests the Secretary-General, in operative paragraph 1 (a), to present at the Second Meeting of the Global Forum, to be held in Manila in 2008, an evaluation of the existing cooperation mechanisms on migration and development, an additional provision amounting to $110,000 (before recosting) would be required over and above the level of resources proposed under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. This would represent a charge against the contingency fund and, as such, would require an additional appropriation for the biennium 2008-2009 to be approved by the General Assembly at its sixty-second session.**

10. **The General Assembly would also be required to approve the proposed modification to the outputs to be incorporated into the programme of work of section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under subprogramme 6, Population (A/62/6 (Sect. 9), para. 9.66 (b) (ii)).**

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New Partnership for Africa's Development: Progress in implementation and international support

New Partnership for Africa's Development: modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting on Africa's development needs

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/62/L.29

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 1 of draft resolution A/62/L.29, the General Assembly would decide to hold a high-level meeting on "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward" on 22 September 2008, prior to the general debate of the sixty-third session of the Assembly. In operative paragraphs 2 to 13, it would also decide on the modalities, format and organization of and participation in the meeting.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 14 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to submit to the meeting a comprehensive report, with recommendations, on "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward" in cooperation with relevant development agencies of the United Nations, the Bretton Woods institutions and other relevant regional and international financial and trade institutions, two months before the meeting, as well as a note on the organizational aspects of the meeting.

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II. Relationship of the requests to the programme of work for the biennium 2008-2009

3. The activities referred to above relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, subprogramme 1, Coordination of global advocacy of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, of programme 9, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, and subprogramme 4, Support services, of programme 24, Management and support services, of the biennial programme plan for the period 2008-2009.[1] They fall under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, section 11, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, and section 28D, Office of Central Support Services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

III. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

4. Pursuant to operative paragraphs 1 to 13 of draft resolution A/62/L.29, the high-level meeting would be composed of four plenary meetings understood to be part of the work of the General Assembly, with the comprehensive report constituting the required documentation.

5. With regard to the request contained in operative paragraph 14 of the draft resolution, the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa would be in charge of the preparation of the comprehensive report, with recommendations, on "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward", in cooperation with relevant development agencies of the United Nations, the Bretton Woods institutions and other relevant regional and international financial and trade institutions, two months before the meeting, as well as a note on the organizational aspects of the meeting.

IV. Modification of the programme of work and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

6. In order to reflect the provisions of the draft resolution, the following modification would need to be made to the narrative of section 11, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/6 (Sect. 11)):

Outputs

At the end of paragraph 11.15 (a) (i) b, the following words would be added: **"comprehensive report on 'Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward' (1)"**.

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first session, Supplement No. 6* (A/61/6/Rev.1).

V. Estimated resource requirements

7. It is understood that the high-level meeting would be part of the work of the General Assembly and the comprehensive report would be part of the normal documentation workload for the Assembly. Therefore, there would be no additional requirements for conference services.

8. The estimated costs for the development of the comprehensive report, with recommendations, on "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward" would amount to $86,000.

9. These resources would cover consultancy services required for the preparation of the comprehensive report, including an amount of $54,000 for consultancy fees, estimated on a basis of six work-months at $9,000 per month, as well as a provision of $32,000 for related travel for consultations with relevant stakeholders and for collecting necessary information.

VI. Potential for absorption

10. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/62/L.29, no additional conference-servicing resources would be required for the four plenary meetings of the Assembly and documentation indicated above, on the understanding that these were part of the normal work of the Assembly for which resources had already been budgeted throughout the year according to its entitlements under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 28D, Office of Central Support Services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

11. No provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 for the activities requested under draft resolution A/62/L.29 related to section 11, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. At the current stage, it is not possible to identify activities within section 11 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium.

VII. Contingency fund

12. It will be recalled that, under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditure derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. Under this procedure, if additional expenditures were proposed that exceeded the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned would be implemented only through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or the modification of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities would have to be deferred to a later biennium.

VIII. Action required of the General Assembly

13. **Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/62/L.29, additional expenditures amounting to $86,000 would be required under section 11, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. This would represent a charge against the contingency fund.**

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Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.65/Rev.1, as orally revised

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Introduction

1. At its 54th meeting, on 28 November 2007, the Third Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.65/Rev.1, as orally revised, by a recorded vote. The Committee had before it a statement of programme budget implications (A/C.3/62/L.90) and also heard an oral statement of programme budget implications, in which the Secretariat informed the Committee that the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.65/Rev.1 were similar to those of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.65, as set out in document A/C.3/62/L.90.

2. In his report on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its resumed second session, its third session and its third special session in 2006 (A/61/530/Add.1), the Secretary-General informed the General Assembly that under the terms of Human Rights Council resolution 3/2, the Council would act as Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference, that it was estimated that the requirements to support the preparatory process would be absorbed in the provisions of the programme

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budget for the biennium 2006-2007 and that the estimated requirements for the biennium 2008-2009 would be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

II. Requests contained in the draft resolution

3. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 38, 46, 50 and 53 of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.65/Rev.1, as orally revised, the General Assembly, would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General to provide the necessary resources for the effective fulfilment of the mandates of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent and the group of independent eminent experts on the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;

(b) Request the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with all the necessary human and financial assistance to carry out his mandate efficiently, effectively and expeditiously and to enable him to submit a report to the Assembly at its sixty-third session;

(c) Welcome the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference on its organizational session and underline that the Preparatory Committee should, at its first substantive session, in accordance with its decision PC.1/14, discuss, inter alia, the organization of the work of the Durban Review Conference and other matters, including the allocation of funding from the regular budget of the United Nations for the convening of the Conference in 2009;

(d) Request the Secretary-General to allocate adequate funding from the regular budget of the United Nations for expenses not covered in Preparatory Committee decision PC.1/12, to facilitate the participation of all the relevant special procedures and mechanisms of the Human Rights Council in the meetings of the Preparatory Committee and regional preparatory conferences.

III. Overall estimated additional requirements

4. The overall estimated additional requirements and potential for absorption, by section, are detailed in the table below:

(United States dollars)

Budget section	*Estimated requirements 2008-2009*	*Potential for absorption*	*Preliminary net requirement*
2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	5 149 000	(253 100)	4 895 900
23. Human rights	1 898 800	—	1 898 800
28E. Administration, Geneva	13 800	(13 800)	—
Total	**7 061 600**	**(266,900)**	**6 794 700**

IV. Activities by which the proposed requests would be carried out and additional requirements by programme budget section

5. The requirements relating to operative paragraphs 38 and 46 of the draft resolution would be met within the provisions in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 to support the bodies mentioned therein and the Special Rapporteur.

6. However, with regard to operative paragraphs 50 and 53 of the draft resolution, it is estimated that additional resources would arise for the following:

(a) Conference services for the open-ended intergovernmental working group to follow up the work of the Preparatory Committee, review additional written contributions and report thereon to the Preparatory Committee, in line with its decision PC.1/10, which would be endorsed by the General Assembly through the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.66 ($1,632,500);

(b) Additional support staff to service the intersessional working group ($837,000);

(c) Conference services for the regional preparatory conferences, including interpretation and documentation, travel and daily subsistence allowance of interpreters and Secretariat support staff ($3,270,300);

(d) Travel requirements for the participation of all relevant special procedures and mechanisms of the Human Rights Council in the meetings of the Preparatory Committee and regional preparatory conferences ($825,100);

(e) The holding of the first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee in April and May 2008, in line with its decision PC.1/15, as this represents a deviation from the terms of paragraph 2 of Human Rights Council resolution 3/2, by which the Council decided that the Preparatory Committee would hold two substantive sessions of 10 working days each during 2007 and 2008 in Geneva ($260,000);

(f) Travel requirements for staff to service the meetings of the regional preparatory conferences ($236,700).

7. It should be noted that the Preparatory Committee intends to elaborate further on the date, duration and level of participation to ensure a smooth and successful Conference. It should also be noted that the issue of regional preparatory meetings and other aspects of the preparatory process for the Durban Review Conference remain under discussion and negotiation among the Member States.

8. In the statement of programme budget implications contained in document A/C.3/62/L.90 and the oral statement of programme budget implications in relation to draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.65/Rev.1, as orally revised, the Third Committee was informed that in accordance with established practice a full review would be carried out and recommendations would be made on the level of the additional appropriations to be sought or the absorptive capacity in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. As reflected in the table in paragraph 4 above, it is currently estimated that additional requirements of $7.1 million would arise, while the preliminary estimate presented in document A/C.3/62/L.90 was

approximately $7.2 million. The Secretariat wishes to inform the General Assembly that the estimates are preliminary, as consultations with all relevant implementing offices are still ongoing, including those referred to in paragraph 7 above.

9. In addition to the estimated requirements from the regular budget, it is estimated that travel requirements of approximately $804,100 for representatives from the least developed countries and representatives of national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations, especially those from developing countries of the region where a regional conference is being held, in accordance with Preparatory Committee decision PC.1/12, will be funded from available extrabudgetary resources.

10. With regard to operative paragraph 46 of the draft resolution, the Third Committee's attention was drawn to the provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee was the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and also reaffirmed the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

V. Contingency fund

11. It will be recalled that, under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditure derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. Under this procedure, if additional expenditures were proposed that exceeded the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned would be implemented only through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or the modification of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities would have to be deferred to a later biennium.

12. The Secretariat has reviewed the proposed programme of work under sections 2, 23 and 28E of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. It is considered that estimated requirements of $266,900 under the terms of the draft resolution relating to (a) conference services for the open-ended intergovernmental working group, as indicated in paragraph 6 (a) above, under section 28E ($6,900), and (b) the holding of the first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee in April and May 2008, as indicated in paragraph 6 (e) above, under section 2 ($253,100) and section 28E ($6,900), can be met within the provisions of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. The balance of the additional requirements ($6,794,700) is considered to be beyond the absorptive capacities of the provisions proposed under sections 2 and 23.

13. The adoption by the General Assembly of the draft resolution would therefore entail additional resources of up to $6,794,700 under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, including $4,895,900 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and $1,898,800 under section 23, Human rights. It is proposed that the additional requirements represent a charge against the contingency fund and, as such, would require additional appropriations under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 to be approved by the General Assembly.

14. It is not possible at this stage to identify activities within sections 2 and 23 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium in order to meet the additional requirements.

VI. Actions required of the General Assembly

15. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.65/Rev.1, preliminary additional resources of up to $6,794,700 for the biennium 2008-2009 would be required, over and above the level of resources in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under sections 2 and 23, representing a charge against the contingency fund. The requirements by budget section would be as follows:

(a) An increase of $4,895,900 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management;

(b) An increase of $1,898,800 under section 23, Human rights.

16. The General Assembly is requested at this time to take note of the preliminary estimates above. Upon the conclusion of discussions and negotiations and the determination of the structure of the Durban Review Conference, including the regional preparatory meetings, detailed information on financial implications will be submitted.

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Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates

Report of the Secretary-General*

1. The consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates, and falling under the guidelines for the contingency fund contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 42/211, is herewith submitted. Potential new charges, which amount to $19,269,500, are detailed in the annex to the present report. The amounts indicated in respect of each item correspond to those recommended by the Fifth Committee upon its consideration of individual statements and proposals for revised estimates.

2. The consolidated amount of $19,269,500 would be within the approved level of the contingency fund of $31,460,500 approved in General Assembly resolution 61/254.

3. **The Fifth Committee, in accordance with paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 42/211, may proceed to recommend to the General Assembly the appropriation of the required amounts (net of staff assessment) under the relevant sections of the programme budget as follows (in thousands of United States dollars):**

Section	*Requirement for contingency fund*
1. Overall policymaking, direction and coordination	748.2
2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	10 924.0
4. Disarmament	342.4
6. Peaceful uses of outer space	604.0

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Section	*Requirement for contingency fund*
8. Legal affairs	1 962.1
11. United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	86.0
23. Human rights	4 602.8
Total expenditures	**19 269.5**

Balance in contingency fund for future needs

4. **Should the Fifth Committee proceed as above, it should also request the General Assembly to note that a balance of $12,191,000 would remain in the contingency fund.**

Annex

Contingency fund charges

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Charges considered at the sixty-second session of the General Assembly	*Fifth Committee meeting*	*Costs to be charged to the contingency fund*[a]
Report of the Human Rights Council (A/C.5/62/12 and A/62/7/Add.26)	23rd and 26th meetings	3 988.8
Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (A/C.5/62/15 and A/62/7/Add.21)	23rd and 26th meetings	10 772.9
United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (A/C.5/62/10 and A/62/7/Add.17)	23rd and 26th meetings	342.4
Implementation of the United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (A/C.5/62/14 and A/62/7/Add.22)	23rd and 26th meetings	604.0
Oceans and the Law of the Sea (A/C.5/62/16 and A/62/7/Add.27)	24th and 26th meetings	1 962.1
New Partnership for Africa's Development: modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting on Africa's development needs (A/C.5/62/20 and A/62/7/Add.24)	23rd and 26th meetings	86.0
Administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (A/C.5/62/2 and A/62/7/Add.13)	17th and 26th meetings	748.2
Revised estimates relating to the implementation of decisions of the Human Rights Council (A/62/125 and A/62/7/Add.25)	23rd and 26th meetings	765.1
Total		**19 269.5**

[a] Net of staff assessment.